

Public Housing Progress 2001



Architect's renderings of Woodbridge Estates



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HOPE VI

- DHC advanced its plans for the development of Woodbridge Estates. Scripps Park Associates L.L.C. developed the plan with considerable community input. The development will create 658 mixed-income housing units. A joint venture with Core Cities Nonprofit Development Corporation will create additional off-site housing units.
- A building implosion cleared four buildings from Jeffries Homes on April 29, 2001.
- An interim management agreement approved last year will allow SPR Management to manage all 297 units at Woodbridge Estates Senior Village.
- Family Services Inc. won a competitive bid to provide case management services for former residents at Jeffries Homes and Herman Gardens. The program assists residents attain financial and social self-sufficiency and home ownership.
- DHC selected Metroventures USA as Herman Gardens' program manager. Metroventures USA will provide day to day management of the planning, implementation and closeout of Herman Gardens' HOPE VI project.
- HUD approved Herman Gardens' Community and Supportive Services Plan allowing the Commission to begin recruiting residents for training programs. The Commission also began working with the Herman Gardens' Resident Council to secure nonprofit 501 (c) 3 status.
- Youth residents at the Villages at Parkside participated in a summer community fair and an Annual Halloween Carnival as part of the activities organized by the Friends of Parkside.
- Parkside youth implemented a seatbelt safety program through a grant from the National Highway and Safety Administration. The survey measured seatbelt use in the Parkside community, compiled the data and forwarded the information to the City of Detroit's Department of Public Works.

Modernization

- DHC installed new heating ventilation and air conditioning system components in the top and first floors of Warren West Apartments.
- The Commission relocated all Conner Waveney residents in preparation for an \$8 million renovation project. The building will receive comprehensive gut rehab increasing unit sizes and redesigning the site.
- Scattered Sites renovations continued with exterior and interior improvements including sidewalks, driveways, mechanical systems, and exterior facades.
- DHC has completed lead abatement in over 150 housing units under a lead hazard abatement grant.



Before demolition picture of Jeffries Homes



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